

**Trunk or Treat  
October 31, 2010**

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

# Oaks Notes



*Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.*

## Acorns on the Ground

### "The Need to Forgive"

When the great artist Leonardo da Vinci was painting "The Last Supper," he became angry with a man and lashed out at him. He even threatened him. Then he went back to his fresco and tried to paint the face of Jesus.



He couldn't paint the face of Jesus for there was too much evil stirring inside him. The lack of peace forced da Vinci to put down his brushes, go find the man and ask for his forgiveness. Only then did he have the inner calm needed to paint the face of Christ.

(From Illustrations Unlimited, by James S. Hewitt, Editor)

Forgiveness is a very important aspect of our Christian faith. We have

all been forgiven of our sins by God through Jesus Christ. Christ is always willing and able to forgive us.

But are we ready to forgive someone else? Maybe we like to hold on to the anger for what so and so did to me. Or maybe we are like Leonardo da Vinci, there is a need to ask someone to forgive you and you can't really find peace until you go and ask for forgiveness.

Jesus was talking with Peter and Peter asked the question "how often am I to forgive, 7x7— Jesus said, "no Peter you are to forgive 70 x 7." Jesus was telling Peter and also addressing his Disciples of today, that we are to forgive however many times it is necessary. Forgive and forgive and keep on forgiving. As you have been forgiven by Christ so you are to forgive others. My prayer is that God will help us to be forgiving people.

God bless,  
*Randy*



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# OCTOBER 2010

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 CWF - Love Meals 10a	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 CWF - Visitation 1p Meet for lunch at 11a	13	14	15	16
17	18 <i>CWF - Pie Nights 6 pm</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24 <b>Trunk or Treat</b> 31	25	26 Holly Hall Book Review CWF - General Mtg.	27	28	29 <i>CWF - Galveston Retreat</i>	30

## Schedule of Events

- October 1 - Ministerial Appreciation Month Begins
- October 3 - World Communion Sunday/Reconciliation Special Offering
- October 3 & 17 - Terry's Crafters
- October 3 - Executive Board Mtg.
- October 10 - Board Mtg.
- October 12 - Prayer Circle 9:30a
- October 24 - Heritage Sunday
- October 31 - Trunk or Treat 5p
- Women's Bible Study - Mon 6p
- Pastor's Bible Study - Thurs 6:30p
- CWF- (See calendar)
- OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:**
  - 1 - Elizabeth Wharton
  - 6 - Bettie Bell, Larry Scruggs, Jonathan Burke
  - 12 - Michael Spencer
  - 15 - Kiyleigh, Louis Pitts Granddaughter, Gene Murray
  - 19 - Mark E. Conover, Roy Horn, Jimmye Saldivar
  - 21 - Joyce McQueen
  - 22 - Kathryn Whitley
  - 24 - Richard Smith
  - 29 - Patsy Gonzales
- OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:**
  - 11 - Matt and Christen Scantlin
  - 18 - Chris and Verna Lamb
  - 21 - Roy and Marceil Horn
  - 27 - George and Jonell Hajovsky
  - Church Office Closed on Fridays.
  - Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
  - If you have something for the calendar, or if we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.
  - Pastor Randy Burke's Phone No.'s:
    - 832.729.1598 - Cell
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Announcements, Thank You Notes, Church in Society, Do You Know, Nurturing Updates, Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report  
**ARTICLES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON!**

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## Volunteers Needed

On Wednesday, October 13, 2010 MANNA needs people to sort groceries at the Houston Food Bank. We need to meet at Temple Oaks Baptist Church parking lot at 7:15 a.m. We will sort from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The benefit to MANNA is that all usable food that we can carry to the truck will be FREE for MANNA. Call Dorene if you have questions.

**NOTE:** Please be advised, Oaks is no longer going to purchase the *Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide*. You may purchase them on your own using the coupon in the book.

## NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

For women and friends of the church we will start a Bible Study on Monday nights beginning October 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Coffee Classroom. The title is Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear and it's a 6 week video study by Max Lucado.

Fearless is a book about overcoming the fears that you face in your life. We live in times of great uncertainty. Good people are losing jobs, retirement funds, and having to constantly worry about issues that a generation before never had to. From terrorism, to keeping our kids safe, Christians have a lot to be fearful of. **But what if you could live without fear?** In *Fearless*, Lucado shows readers of this book, and participants in the [DVD Bible Study](#), how they can overcome the fear that they feel in their lives, and replace it with faith in Christ. No matter what type of fear plagues you, there is nothing that your faith as a Christian, cannot overcome.

The books are \$10.00 each and if you are interested please call Barb Scantlin or the church office so that she may get the appropriate number of books needed. Lets break the chains of fear together. See you there!!



**YARD WORK**  
**Volunteers Needed**  
**Anytime**  
**Contact: Imogene Flott**  
**or Dorene Drake.**

## FOR SALE

Oaks Church has two burial spaces for sale. They are located at Brookside Cemetery, Houston. These are side by side space 3 and 4 in "Masters Lawn". Price is \$2,000 each. Negotiable. Contact Richard Smith for more information.

## Church in Society

Thanks to all who brought or donated money for our School Supply project. We had over 150 special spiral notebooks and over 150 boxes of crayons as well as other supplies. The school really appreciated our help.

## Do You Know — (Next Newsletter) Membership Committee.

## Nurturing Circle Updates - August

Prayers

**October** – Tom Pickens family, Mickey Spencer (Michael Spencer's Grandfather) family.

## Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report

### September Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of September	Sunday School	Church Attendance
September 05, 2010	21	56
September 12, 2010	23	54
September 19 2010	18	49
September 26, 2010	26	54
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>213</b>

### From the Treasurer - Bill Scantlin

Operating Account	June-10	July - 10	August- 10
Deposits	10,092.58	10,092.58	Next Newsletter
Disbursements	(11,491.46)	(11,491.46)	Next Newsletter
Difference	(1,398.88)	(1,398.88)	Next Newsletter

Year-to-date there has been (next newsletter) transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund to cover operating expenses.

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### FOOD NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

**For more information  
Contact**

**Billie Murray  
(281) 448-1667**

#### **Items Needed:**

**Peanut butter,  
spaghetti or noodles,  
can meat and can  
potatoes.**

**Open Mon, Tues and  
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –  
11:30pm.**

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### **Prayer Circle**

Every Second Tuesday of the Month  
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With  
thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.  
Philippians 4:6*

### **Board Happenings -**

**Albert Green, Board Chair - Friendly Reminder:**

**There will be an Executive Board Meeting, October 5, 2010  
after church and General Board Meeting, October 12, 2010  
after church.**

**Thank you.**